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**PATENT**

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AND HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(c)**

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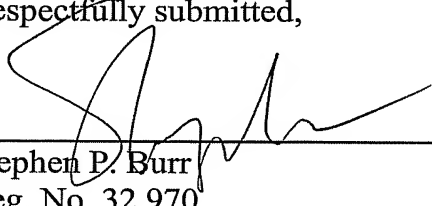
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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(e)**

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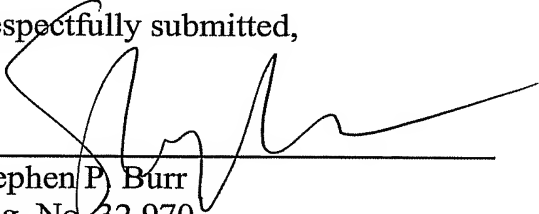
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Required copies of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

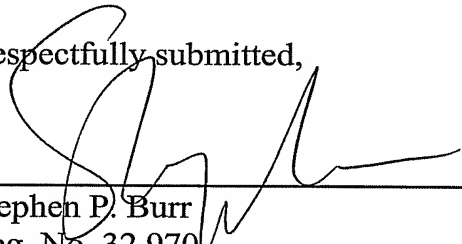
Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report bearing a mailing date of October 29, 2008 from a corresponding European patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 04-094736 A1 cited in the European Search Report was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed October 19, 2005.

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